

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 20-24 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-13 are canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added.

WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUS REJECTIONS

Applicants express gratitude in Examiner's indication that rejection and objections set forth in the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005, have been withdrawn.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants express gratitude in Examiner's indication that Claims 20-24 have been allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER §103(A)

Claims 1-4 and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Dunham et al., (JBC 274:1683-1690 (1999)) in view of Gether et al., (EMBO J. 16:6737-6747 (1997)). Claims 1-4 and 9-12 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.


CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-213.

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